

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as set forth below:

Please amend the specification prior to page 1, line 1 by inserting the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 1 as follows:

The present invention relates to an ancillary tool for positioning an acetabular prosthesis in an anatomical or prosthetic cavity of a patient's hip, ~~of the type comprising that~~ includes a handle for supporting an endpiece having an elastically expandable ring portion that is used to grip manipulating the acetabulum. The endpiece is cooperative radially expanded to seat the acetabulum by force applied to a head carried by the handle when a force is applied along the handle to urge the head into the endpiece ~~provided, in its distal part, with a head for gripping the acetabulum and, in its proximal part, with a surface for application of a force of impaction.~~

At line 7 of page 1, delete the subheading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED

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ART--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 3 as follows:

It is an object of the present invention to ~~propose~~ provide a tool which is adapted to manipulate and implant acetabula of different dimensions and ~~nature~~ configurations and which ensures both an efficient grip of [[the]] an acetabulum and a good application of the force of impaction, without hindering the withdrawal of the tool once positioning and expansion of the acetabulum has been effected.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 4 and extending to line 9 of page 5 as follows:

According to other characteristics of this ancillary tool, taken separately or in all technically possible combinations[[:]], [[-]] the ring is elastically radially deformable over substantially the whole of its periphery [[;-]] and the face of the endpiece intended for wedging the acetabulum is constituted by substantially the whole outer face of the ring [[:]]. Further, the endpiece ~~comprises~~ includes both a supple part including the deformable ring and a rigid part ~~fast with~~ secured to the supple part and provided with means for removable

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connection to the distal end of the handle [[:]]₁ [[: the}} The rigid part of the endpiece is constituted by a metallic insert fixed to the supple part [[:;-]] and the deformable ring is elastically connected to a base of the supple part [[:]]₁ [[: the]] The deformable ring ~~comprises~~ includes a plurality of petals, the wedging and interaction faces being respectively constituted by the outer and inner surfaces of each of these petals [[:]]₁ [[: the]] The rigid part of the endpiece defines a stop surface, in the longitudinal direction of the handle, for the head of the handle [[:;- the]] and the supple part of the endpiece ~~presents~~ has at least one surface for transmission of the force of impaction between the handle and the acetabulum. [[: the]] The head of the handle defines a ramp surface adapted to cooperate with [[:the]] an interaction face of the endpiece₁ [[:;- the]] The handle ~~comprises~~ includes a rigid rod on which the head is movably mounted, as well as means for driving the head with respect to the rod in a movement of translation in the longitudinal direction of the rod₁ [[:; - the]] The handle ~~comprises~~ may also include a sleeve disposed coaxially to the rod and at the distal end of which the head is rigidly fixed and the means for driving the head with respect to the rod ~~comprise~~ may include a grip screwed on the rod and connected in translation with the sleeve, this sleeve being immobilized in rotation with

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respect to the rod. ~~[[;- a]]~~ Also, the ring is axially interposed between the sleeve and the screwed grip.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 5 and continuing to line 8 of page 6 as follows:

The invention also relates to a method for positioning an acetabular prosthesis in an anatomical or prosthetic cavity of a patient's hip, comprising the steps of:

~~[[-]]~~ using, on the one hand, a handle for manipulating the acetabulum, provided, in its distal part, with a head for gripping the acetabulum and, at its proximal end, with a surface for application of a force of impaction, and, on the other hand, a series plurality of endpieces of different dimensions and/or geometry, each ~~comprising~~ having a supple ring that is elastically radially deformable with respect to ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal axis of the endpiece, on which are formed both a face for wedging with the acetabulum and an opposite face for interaction of the endpiece with ~~[[the]]~~ a head of the handle~~[[,]];~~

~~[[-]]~~ selecting, from the ~~series~~ plurality of endpieces, an endpiece of which the wedging face is substantially complementary of ~~[[the]]~~ an inner wall of the acetabulum to be positioned~~[[,]];~~

~~[[-]]~~ connecting the selected endpiece to the distal end of

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the handle[[,]];;

[[-]] placing the endpiece in the acetabulum[[,]];;

[[-]] placing the endpiece in engagement with [[by]] the head of the handle so as to provoke radial deformation of the ring and consequently grip of the acetabulum by the endpiece[[,]];;

[[-]] positioning the acetabulum in the cavity of the patient's hip[[,]];;

[[-]] applying a force of impaction on the corresponding surface of the handle[[,]];;

[[-]] disengaging the head from the endpiece and such that the ring returns to its non-deformed configuration[[,]]; and

[[-]] withdrawing the endpiece from the positioned acetabulum.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 6 as follows:

The invention will be more readily understood on reading the following description, given solely by way of example, and with reference to the accompanying drawings, ~~in which:~~ that are described below.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 6 as follows:

Figure 5 is a longitudinal section of a part of the tool provided with the endpiece of Figure 4[[, and]].

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 7 as follows:

The handle 4 also ~~comprises~~ includes a tubular sleeve 32 ~~mobile~~ that is movable with respect to the rod 10 and arranged coaxially to sections 20 and 22. [[This]] The sleeve is provided at its distal end with a head 34 whose outer shape is truncated and convergent towards the distal end of the handle. Consequently [[this]] the head defines a truncated ramp surface 36 as well as a substantially planar distal surface 38.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 9 as follows:

The metallic insert 62 is formed by a cylinder 80 from which a flange 82 extends radially at one of its ends. The cylinder 80 is screwed in the base 64 of the body 60 and forms a tapping 84 complementary [[of]] to the projecting catch 28 ~~fast with~~ secured to the rod 10. The flange 82 forms a stop surface 86 for the planar surface 38 of the head 34.